

U.S. Department of Energy – Journalism Summer Internship

The Department of Energy (DOE) is offering an exciting three-month summer internship to provide news stories for a new website called Energy Empowers. Energy Empowers is a vibrant, engaging news website focused on the clean energy economy. Our current writing team consists of five full time writers and an Editor-in-Chief who produce approximately 20 written stories per week.

Internship Description

Energy Empowers is offering summer journalism internships where successful candidates will become an integral part of the Energy Empowers writing team. Interns will join a group of established DOE reporters covering timely energy, environmental and job creation stories from around the country. Working in DOE headquarters in Washington, D.C., interns will fully engage their reporting skills by researching, writing, and editing three to four stories each week. They will benefit from working in a team environment and learn directly from an Editor-in-Chief with more than 20 years of experience.

This three-month, unpaid internship starts in mid-May 2010 (we will accept start-dates through mid-June) and promises to be a rewarding opportunity to report on the latest news in the clean energy economy. As President Obama and Congress shift their focus toward energy and environmental issues this summer, the stories our interns produce will become more and more relevant. This internship is not for credit, but we can provide a letter of confirmation that the internship has been completed.

Intern Qualifications

- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Ability to create articles for Energy Empowers clean energy newswire on deadline
- Strong reporting and editing skills
- Currently enrolled in (or new graduates of) a four-year college/university with a journalism or related major
- Accuracy in presentation of stories and an eye for detail
- Multi-media skills desirable
- Interest in energy issues and the environment

How to Apply

Please fill out an application at http://www1.eere.energy.gov/office_eere/volunteer.html by **April 21, 2010**. On the application, fill in your name, email address, proposed start date (between May 15 – June 18), proposed end date (between August 15 – September 18), hours per week (30-40) a copy of your cover letter, and a copy of your resume. Please write “Energy Empowers Journalism Internship” at the top of your cover letter. Note that “volunteer” means unpaid intern and your title will be Journalism Intern. We will make internship selection decisions by April 28, 2010.

Please do not email to check the status of your application, but if you have questions contact David.Katz@ee.doe.gov.